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URGENT HOME REPAIR FUNDS AVAILABLE



The City has received funds for qualifying Kannapolis homeowners who need urgent repairs for their primary residence. The funds from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency could cover items such as handicap ramps, roofs or heating systems. It is anticipated that 10 homes will

be rehabilitated with the Urgent Repair Funds. If you wish to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

Have a Household income at least 50 percent or below the area median income AND at least one of the following:

- Children in households with an elevated level of lead in their blood
- Elderly household members at least 62 years old
- Handicapped/disabled members
- Households with five or more persons
- Single parents
- Veterans

To apply, you may call 704-920-4332 or email sgordon@kannapolisnc.gov. Please note that funding is limited and all who apply may not be served.

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Discover a Healthy Life KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

ATRIUM HEALTH BALLPARK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Atrium Health Ballpark is now open to the public. The ballpark is the new home of the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers. Located on West Avenue in downtown Kannapolis, the venue was specifically designed as a public park. Believed to be the only minor league baseball venue designed this way, the park is open every day for you to enjoy. You can walk, run, do exercises, read a book, spend time with family and friends or just enjoy the unique experience of being in a ballpark setting (while social distancing of course).



Although the baseball field is off-limits, there is plenty to do and see. There is also a water play area and impressive children's playground, which will be open once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

The ballpark is a state-of-the-art venue designed to give fans a great experience while watching baseball games with friends and family. The venue will also host concerts and other entertainment events. During ticketed ball games and special events, it will be closed for public use; otherwise, the park is open seven days a week. Public restrooms are available for your use.

The ballpark has a seating capacity of 4,930 with 3,218 of those being fixed seats. Other seating options include outdoor loge suites, luxury suites,



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An important message from the Kannapolis Police Department:



Hide your valuables.



Lock your vehicle.



Take it with you.

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a party deck, berm seating, premium dugout box seats, a picnic terrace, an outfield bar and right field boxes.



The venue has 5,500 square feet of banquet and meeting space that you can rent for conferences, meetings, birthdays and special events.

We hope you enjoy walking the concourse daily as part of the City's *Discover a Healthy Life Loop the Loop* initiative and the Atrium Health Walking Trail.

The Kannapolis Cannon Ballers have opened Boomer's Bistro. Drop in daily from noon to 7 p.m. and sample the best ballpark food offerings around, such as hotdogs, burgers, taco salads, ice cream, nachos, chicken wraps and much more.

For Kannapolis Cannon Baller information, visit www.kcballers.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

As temperatures continue to rise, water your plants in the morning and/or evening to save water, and put mulch around them to help keep them hydrated and reduce evaporation during the day.



FIREFIGHTERS PROMOTED

Kannapolis Fire Chief Tracy Winecoff is pleased to announce the promotion of three experienced professional firefighters to fill key administrative vacancies that were the result of retirements, and to support a new organizational structure. This change is driven from the desire to continually improve and will ultimately allow the department to better serve the community.

Division Chief of Technical Services, Kirk Beard, has been promoted to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. In addition to serving as second in command, he will be responsible for communications, fleet, facilities, logistics, information technology and safety. Beard has been in the fire service for 29 years; 21 of those with Kannapolis Fire. He began his fire service career as a Charlotte Fire Department Explorer and member of the former Mallard Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Beard followed in his father's footsteps – Donnie Beard – who was in fire service for more than 40 years. He retired as the Mecklenburg County Fire Marshal. Beard and his wife, Kisha, have a daughter – Kaylee.



Kirk Beard



David Winecoff

Battalion Chief, David Winecoff, has been promoted to Division Chief of Emergency Services. He has been in fire service for 33 years; 20 of those with Kannapolis Fire. He was hired as a Shift Captain and was promoted to Battalion Chief. As Division Chief of Emergency Services, Winecoff will oversee daily operations, as well as the Honor Guard and Explorer Post #001. He and his wife, Tammy, have two children – Kristen and Billy, who is also a firefighter.

Training Chief, Greg Summitt, has been promoted to Division Chief of Technical Services. He has been in fire service for 19 years. He began his service with Cleveland Community Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter and has been with Kannapolis Fire for 12 years. As Division Chief of Technical Services, Summitt will supervise the training staff and Fire Marshal's Office, and will also be over accreditation, ISO rating and long-term strategic planning. He is engaged to Allyson.



Greg Summitt

DRONE COMPANY LAUNCHES

If you are driving on Kannapolis Parkway near NC 73 – look up – you may see the City's newest company, Zipline, a drone company, in action.

Novant Health, Inc. recently announced the launch of America's first emergency drone logistics operation by a hospital for its pandemic response. The launch was made possible through a partnership with Zipline, the world's only national scale, on-demand logistics service, which will provide drone flight services.

The drones launch from the new Zipline facility on Kannapolis Parkway near the Novant Health Distribution Facility.

The operation provides contactless distribution of personal protective equipment and critical medical supplies to Novant Health frontline medical teams from Kannapolis to the Charlotte region.



PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL PARKS PROGRAMS

Even though we haven't been able to see you in person because our programs, events and many facilities have been cancelled or closed, the Parks and Recreation Virtual Playground is open to Discover Fun!



This Virtual Playground is your place to find lots of free activities to do while being safer at home. There is a variety of fun things available for people of all ages and abilities.

With activities like a family camp-in, a community game of Clue and Social Distancing Trivia, our virtual playground is full of activities for the whole family.

It is important to us to continue to bring fun to you, connect in a meaningful way and build community connections with you virtually, until we can resume our normal in-person programming and events.

Visit www.kannapolisnc.gov/parksprograms to find out how you can Discover Fun while being Safer at Home.

FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market is held every Thursday, 4-7 p.m., through September, at the corner of Vance Avenue and Dale Earnhardt Boulevard.

Sign up for text reminders and updates about the farmers market and specials that vendors may be offering. Text MARKET to 64600. You may unsubscribe at any time.

